



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5563**

LCO No. 1990

Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

REP. CANDELARIA, 95th Dist.

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONNECTICUT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT  
GUARANTEE PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to establish the Connecticut  
2 Student Achievement Guarantee in education to boost student  
3 achievement in schools serving low-income communities. It is  
4 proposed that under the program (1) the student to teacher ratio be  
5 reduced to fifteen students per teacher in grades kindergarten to three,  
6 inclusive, (2) participating school districts be required to (A)  
7 strengthen academic curricula designed to improve pupil academic  
8 achievement, (B) implement professional development programs and  
9 accountability measures for staff, and (C) keep school buildings open  
10 longer hours to accommodate before and after-school programs, and  
11 (3) participating districts collaborate with community organizations to  
12 make educational and recreational opportunities as well as a variety of  
13 community and social services available in the school to all school  
14 district residents. It is further proposed that funds be appropriated for  
15 the program for grants to participating districts and that, in addition to  
16 the grants, the department of education provide each participating

17 school district with an amount equal to two thousand dollars  
18 multiplied by the number of low-income students enrolled in grades  
19 kindergarten to three, inclusive, in participating schools.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To help reduce the disparities in achievement that exist in low income communities across the state.